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1. INTERNATIONAL TELEPHONE SERVICE

POST SHOULD REQUEST ASSURANCE FROM THE LOCAL TELEPHONE

AUTHORITIES (PPT) THAT PRIORITY OVERRIDE CAN BE PROVIDED

AT ANYTIME FOR TWO SIMULTANEOUS OVERSEAS TELEPHONE CONVER-

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SATIONS FOR THE DURATION OF THE VISIT (THIS TYPE OF OVER-

RIDE IS SOMETIMES REFERRED TO AS FLASH OVERRIDE OR FLASH

EMERGENCY PRECEDENCES). WE WISH TO EMPHASIZE THAT SEPARA-

TLY LEASED DEDICATED LINES ARE NOT NECESSARY. CONFIRM BY

CABLE THAT THIS ARRANGEMENT HAS BEEN MADE.

2. FACILITIES

A. THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS ARE DIVIDED INTO TWO PARTS. POSTS NOT HAVING A TRANSPORTABLE TELEPHONE SYSTEM AND THOSE FEW POSTS HAVING SUCH A TELEPHONE SYTEM. THIS INFORMATION SHOULD BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE RCO TECHNICIAN FOR HIS GUIDANCE.

(1) POSTS NOT HAVING A TRANSPORTABLE TELEPHONE SYSTEM. IF A TRANSPORTABLE TELEPHONE SYSTEM IS NOT AVAILABLE OR REQUIRED, THE POST SHOULD PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING:

(A) TWO TELEPHONE STATIONS TO BE INSTALLED IN THE SECRETARY'S SUITE (TO BE LOCATED IN SITTING ROOM AND BEDROOM) ONE TELEPHONE STATION IN EACH SPECIAL ASSISTANT'S BEDROOM, FOUR TELEPHONE STATIONS IN THE SPECIAL ASSISTANT'S OFFICE, TWO TELEPHONE STATIONS IN THE USSS COMMAND POST. FOUR PTT, PABX OR SPECIAL LINES ARE NEEDED IN THE SECRETARY'S SUITE, SPECIAL ASSISTANT'S OFFICE AND BEDROOMS. THESE FOUR LINES WILL RING ONLY IN THE SPECIAL ASSISTANT'S OFFICE. TWO ADDITIONAL AND SEPARATE LINES ARE NEEDED IN THE COMMAND POST, AND WILL RING ONLY IN THE COMMAND POST. EACH STATION NEEDS THE ABILITY TO HOLD THE CALLS, AN INTERCOM TALK CIRCUIT USING A BUZZER AS AUDIBLE SIGNAL BETWEEN THE SECRETARY'S SUITE AND THE SPECIAL ASSISTANT'S OFFICES AND BEDROOMS AND COMMAND POST IS ESSENTIAL.

(B) IF A KEY TELEPHONE SYSTEM IS AVAILABLE AT THE POST, INSTALLATION SHOULD CONFORM TO THE REQUIREMENTS SPECIFIED FOR THE TRANSPORTABLE TELEPHONE SYSTEMS PER DRAWING DLA 293.

(2) POSTS HAVING A TRANSPORTABLE TELEPHONE SYSTEM. THE TRANSPORTABLE TELEPHONE SYSTEM (DRAWING DLA 293) CONSISTS OF ONE 513 AW3 KEY SYSTEM EQUIPPED FOR SIX TELEPHONE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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LINES, DIAL INTERCOM AND TEN SIX BUTTON KEY PHONE UNITS. PACKAGE ALSO INCLUDES VARIOUS LENGTHS OF DOUBLE ENDED CABLES FOR QUICK CONNECTIONS FROM THE KEY PHONES TO THE KEY SYSTEM. INSTALLATION WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:

(A) SECRETARY'S SUITE TWO KEY PHONES (TO BE COLLOCATED IN SITTING ROOM AND BEDROOM).

(B) SPECIAL ASSISTANTS' BEDROOMS ONE KEY PHONE EACH BEDROOM.

(C) SPECIAL ASSISTANT'S OFFICE FOUR KEY PHONES. THE ABOVE

PHONES WILL BE EQUIPPED WITH FOUR COMMON PABX OR CENTRAL OFFICE LINES INCLUDING THE HOLD FEATURE AND DIAL INTER-COMM ACCESS. THESE FOUR LINES WILL RING ONLY IN THE SPECIAL ASSISTANT'S OFFICE.

(D) USSS COMMAND POST TWO KEY PHONES. (THESE PHONES WILL BE EQUIPPED WITH TWO LINES INCLUDING HOLD, SEPARATE FROM

THE SECRETARY'S SUITE, BUT HAVING DIAL INTERCOM ACCESS TO ALL OTHER PHONES. THESE TWO LINES WILL RING ONLY IN THE COMMAND POST). SEVEN CABLE PAIRS WILL BE REQUIRED FROM THE POST TELEPHONE FRAME TO THE COMMAND POST FOR THE SIX PABX OR CENTRAL OFFICE (PTT) LINES AND ONE COMMON GROUND. A 220 VAC OR 115 VAC OUTLET WILL BE REQUIRED IN THE COMMAND POST FOR KEY SYSTEM POWER.

(E) THE IMPORTANCE OF TELEPHONE COMMUNICATIONS CANNOT BE OVEREMPHASIZED. IT IS A VITAL TOOL TO THE SECRETARY AND MUST BE MAINTAINED AT PEAK EFFICIENCY DURING HIS STAY. BECAUSE OF PAST DIFFICULTIES WITH FAULTY SYSTEMS, THE DEPT HAS DESIGNED "THE SECRETARY OF STATE TRANSPORTABLE TELEPHONE SYSTEM" CONSISTING OF A KEY SYSTEM, HANDSETS, AND SUFFICIENT CABLE TO SATISFY REQUIREMENTS FOR OFFICE CONFIGURATION REQUESTED FOR THE SECRETARY AND HIS STAFF. DRAWINGS HAVE BEEN PROVIDED RCO'S SO THAT THEY WILL BE FAMILIAR WITH THE NEW SYSTEM. THE ULTIMATE GOAL IS TO HAVE A SUFFICIENT NUMBER OF THESE SYSTEMS AVAILABLE SO THEY CAN BE PREPOSITIONED AT THE VARIOUS RCO POSTS AND AT SELECTED CLASS ONE POSTS WHICH THE SECRETARY IS EXPECTED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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TO VISIT WITH SOME FREQUENCY.

(F) THE TRANSPORTABLE TELEPHONE SYSTEM IS DESIGNED TO PROVIDE INTERCOM CAPABILITY FOR USE BY THE SECRETARY AND HIS IMMEDIATE STAFF ONLY. IT IS NOT THE INTENT TO PROVIDE TRANSPORTABLE TELEPHONE SYSTEMS TO SERVICE ALL MEMBERS OF THE SECRETARY'S PARTY. FURTHER, IT IS NOT INTENDED THAT THIS UNIT BE INSTALLED IN HOST GOVERNMENT GUEST HOUSES.

(G) PRESENTLY, THERE ARE ONLY A LIMITED NUMBER OF THE TRANSPORTABLE TELEPHONE SYSTEMS AVAILABLE SO THE DEPT (OC) MUST BE GIVEN AS MUCH ADVANCE NOTICE AS POSSIBLE WHETHER OR NOT THE POST HAS A REQUIREMENT FOR ONE OF THE SYSTEMS. TIMING WILL BE EXTREMELY IMPORTANT IN PLANNING THE PLACEMENT AND TRANSPORTATION OF THE EQUIPMENT AND THE SCHEDULING OF RCO TECHNICIAN SUPPORT TO MAKE THE INSTALLATION.

3. OTHER TELEPHONE REQUIREMENTS OTHER THAN UNDER PARAGRAPH 2A(1) AND 2A(2).

A. STAFF OFFICE: (FOR SENIOR STAFF OFFICIALS IN THE SECRETARY'S PARTY) MINIMUM OF TWO EMBASSY EXTENSIONS, IF POSSIBLE, OR TWO SEPARATE COMMERCIAL LINES IF NOT. THESE TELEPHONES ARE IN ADDITION TO THE REGULAR HOTEL ROOM EXTENSION.

B. S/S OFFICE: (FOR EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT STAFF) A MINIMUM OF FOUR TELEPHONES, ONE ON EACH DESK, FOR THE TWO ROOM OFFICE, EACH HAVING A SEPARATE EXTENSION OFF THE EMBASSY SWITCHBOARD, IF POSSIBLE, OR FOUR SEPARATE COMMERCIAL LINES IF NOT. THESE TELEPHONES ARE REQUIRED IN ADDITION TO THE REGULAR HOTEL ROOM EXTENSIONS.

C. AIRCRAFT: ONE TELEPHONE LINE SHOULD BE CONNECTED FROM THE AIRCRAFT TO THE NEAREST BUILDING PBX OR CENTRAL OFFICE LINE FOR AIRCRAFT COMMUNICATIONS. THIS WILL NORMALLY ALSO FULFILL THE TELEPHONE REQUIREMENT FOR AIRCRAFT SECURITY GUARD. ESTIMATE APPROXIMATELY 1000 TO 1500 FEET OF QUAD WIRE WILL BE NEEDED FOR THIS CONNECTION. FYI THIS WIRE IS INCLUDED WITH THE TRANSPORTABLE TELEPHONE SYSTEMS.

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D. SY COMMAND POST: ONE EMBASSY EXTENSION, IF POSSIBLE, OR ONE COMMERCIAL LINE IF NOT. THIS IS IN ADDITION TO THE REGULAR HOTEL ROOM EXTENSION.

4. THE ABOVE REPRESENTS OPTIMAL REQUIREMENTS AND THE DEPT RECOGNIZES THAT EACH POST MUST WORK WITHIN LOCAL LIMITATIONS.

FOR DAMASCUS AND JIDDA: YOUR ARRANGEMENTS FOR PREVIOUS TRIPS HAVE BEEN QUITE SATISFACTORY. WE ASSUME YOU PLAN ON THE SAME DRILL. PLEASE ADVISE IF THERE WILL BE ANY SIGNIFICANT CHANGES.

5. REMOVE EXDIS CAPTION WHEN TRIP PUBLICLY ANNOUNCED.
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